

BREMILL, FOXHAM, THE TYTHERTONS AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

February 2015

The Newsletter

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- 7th Feb Soup and Puds - Bremhill
- 13th Feb Neighbourhood plan - Bremhill
- 28th Feb Deadline - Renew and repair grant
- 5th March Rural Arts - Seven Ages - Bremhill
- 2nd May East Tytherton May Fair

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EDITORIAL

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Philippa and I are going up to London this week to go to the theatre and have a bit of fun. It passes through one's mind about the risk that may pose but one must squash that thought as that is exactly what "they" want us to think.

On a jollier note, there are lots of local events this year in the Parish. Hitherto we have tended to go to the events that are just in our village but I detect signs that we are willing to cross boundaries and join in with the fun elsewhere! That must be good news. Nearly all the events raise money for local good causes including our churches and village halls, but also other charities which affect us all such the Air Ambulance, Hospices and the Bobby Van Trust.

The national politicians may, or may not, change this year but our desire to be a cohesive community, with all the freedoms and joys it brings, remains steadfast.

Happy Newish Year.

David

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FOXHAM BRIDGE AFTERNOON AND TEA

Val Minty and Jenny Wilton would like to thank everyone involved in making the Bridge afternoon and Tea so successful. The event raised £560 for St John the Baptist Church.

Judging by the comments received, the afternoon was enjoyed by one and all.

Well done everyone and thank you again!!



MOVIOLA FILMS - CALNE TOWN HALL

On Wednesday 25th Feb, we shall be showing 'My Old Lady' (12a) starring Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott-Thomas and Maggie Smith.

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George Powell



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Many thanks to all those who decorated the Church so beautifully for the Carol Service, the Crib Service and Christmas Services. The Church looked lovely but was very cold - we are having trouble with the heating and we are sorry we could not give you a warmer reception when you came two Church. Thanks also to those who took the decorations down - special thanks to Carol and Stu for the Christmas Tree, putting it up and taking it down!





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Please remember that we welcome any new ladies. Come and join us, and make new friends.

All our information and club activities can be found on the notice board outside the Christian Malford village shop.

*Contact Jenny
 01249 740950*



TANZANIA OR BUST

Hi. I would like to introduce myself. My name is Rebecca. Some of you I have met at the Bremhill coffee morning in the Village Hall on Fridays. Others may know me because of my Red Setter, George, barking at your horses as you ride past Hill Top Farm. Sorry, he means no harm. Or simply from the extremely sociable task of dog walking. Those I do not know I hope to meet very soon.

I am writing this little article is because I have signed myself up to cycle in Tanzania in October in aid of Women V Cancer www.actionforcharity.co.uk/. This is a 350km ride through the beautiful and spectacular countryside to raise money for Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action.

Over the coming months you will hopefully see me walking my 10,000 steps through the countryside with George or getting out and about on my bike, although I have yet to master the hills back up to the house, and any encouragement will be gratefully appreciated.

As always, in order to take part in any challenge, I need to raise funds. I have so far raised around £1000 but need to treble this by August. Over the coming months I hope to do various fundraising events in the area which I will advertise in The Newsletter. I hope you will be able to take part in. If someone in the meantime is holding an event and feel they could support this charity and my challenge, I would love to hear from you. I would welcome the chance to talk to any groups or organisations about the challenge with a follow up when I return, with photos.

A lot of us know of someone who has had one of these horrible cancers and hopefully you feel, like me, that this is a charity worth backing. If you are able to spare any change or feel you could make a small donation it would be fantastic. Please visit my donation site <http://www.make-a-donation.org/fundraisers/rebecca-lund-torres> where you can find out more.

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Rebecca



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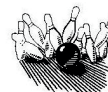
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FIBRE INTERNET UPDATE

The 31st of December came and went... BT Openreach is struggling to deploy its fibre cables to the Kellaways exchange and is behind schedule.

If you are connected to the Kellaways exchange (phone numbers beginning 01249 740xxx) and in East Tytherton or Foxham, we were advised at the beginning of January that we would not have to wait much longer. So keep checking the DSL checker (dslchecker.bt.com). When an FTTC line appears in the DSL checker results, you will be able to order the service from an ISP as per the information in the January 2015 update. Remember, though, that there will be people on every cabinet who are in a slow-spot or a not-spot (either too far from the cabinet or with an exchange only line) so you may still find that you cannot order an FTTC service. If you do order, please let Scott/Jérôme know that you have done so and when you get connected we would like to know what speeds you get from <http://www.speedtest.net/>. This will help us support the request to extend high speed internet access availability in our villages.

For those living in Charlcutt and other areas with numbers beginning with 01249 740xxx not served by the 2 new FTTC cabinet, keep checking the DSL checker but you are probably outside the first wave. We would like to urge you to reply to the consultation (see below).

Residents of Bremhill and others who cannot get fast Internet access need to make their voices heard: Wiltshire Council has organised a public consultation (Superfast Wiltshire Public Consultation, http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/broadband/superfast_broadband_deployment

Unfortunately the closing date for submissions will have passed by the time this article reaches you. However, letters of support and late submissions will still be read and reviewed. So we would encourage you to write in to show your support/demand for better internet access in this area to influence the planning of the next deployment phase.

The aim of the fast Internet access deployment is to get people connected at superfast speeds (24 Mbps or better). The Phase 1 work is now nearly complete in the Bremhill Parish. There will be people who are connected to fibre and get less than 24 Mbps. These are the slow spots. There will also be a small number of locations where there is no fibre service. These are not-

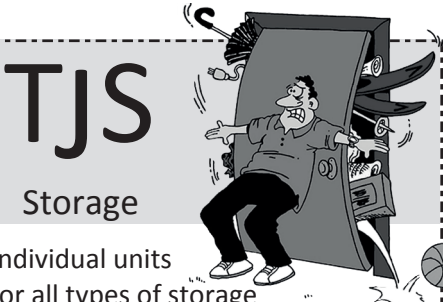


spots. It is important to know where the clusters of slow-spots and not-spots are in the village. So if you are one of them and you want better broadband, you need to make yourself known to WCC and to Scott/Jérôme. The consultation is to find the areas to target in Phase2.

Finally, if you hear that your neighbours are connected to the fibre, and the DSL checker does not show FTTC is available, keep checking the DSL checker but you are probably still too far from your nearest cabinet to get a fibre connection from the Phase1 work. In that case, reply to the consultation and reply to us so we can begin to know where the not-spot people are.

Should you have questions that you would like help with, feel free to contact us either through www.bremhillparish.org or directly.

Jérôme Semichon (jerome@ausculpta.co.uk), Scott Walsh (scottwalsh72@googlemail.com) and Richard Tucker (Bremhill Parish Councillor for the Foxham Ward, richard@rsjtucker.com).



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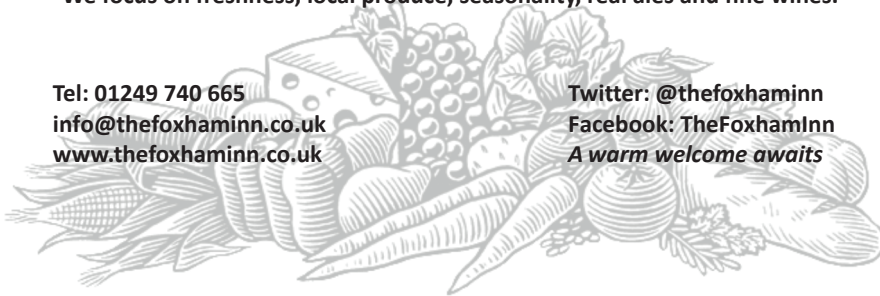
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THE FOXHAM INN NEWS

Well that's the first month of 2015 already gone. The shooting season is over so we have to wait until August for the first grouse of the season.

Don't forget Valentine's Day on the 14th of February!!!!

On February 26th, we are holding a five course dinner celebrating Welsh produce and dishes. To book call us on 01249 740665.

On the 17th February (Shrove Tuesday) we are having a pancake Supper Night, savoury main course pancakes with various fillings followed a choice of dessert ones.

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Rather belatedly I wish you every blessing for 2015! Thank you also for the cards, good wishes and presents before Christmas – you are very kind.

It seems so long ago as we look forward towards Spring and Summer when new life begins to shoot and matures through the summer months. During the winter there has been rest and energy for the new season generated. But the season has been marred by the deaths in Pakistan and elsewhere, and now this week in France because of hatred based on religious difference and intolerance.

Part of a new beginning is the Lenten season which is followed by the Easter celebrations of the hope and promise of new life. Lent is a time of personal and corporate repentance, during which we try and work together to make a difference in God's world for good renewing hope in the world.

This is because Christians are a people of faith, hope and love and with these we must hold fast in the months and years ahead asking for God's will to be done through his people to bring peace, tolerance and respect for difference among faiths.

We begin Lent on the 18th February with Ash Wednesday. This Lent I hope you will join me in praying for the Spirit of God to bring peace and unity to the peoples of the world; to pray for God's will to be done through all who confess faith in him. It is God's will that there should be peace and unity between nations, and across all creation.

If we pray, then God will hear our prayers in unison and will answer them. God always hears our prayers. We may not know when or how they are answered but he will answer them. We should trust him to do so. Prayer is transformative.

Please pray for an end to religious oppression and for patience to listen to each other and find a way forward together in the love of God. Persist in prayer as the widow did in the account from Luke Chapter 18 verses 1-8!

*With love
Ann*





ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH. Foxham

1 st February Christ in Temple	9.30 am Holy Communion	R. Pegler Hebrews 2: 14-end
8 th February Second Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Family Service	D. Scott John 1: 1-14
15 th February Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion	D. Wilton 2 Corin. 4: 3-6
22 nd February First Sunday of Lent	6 pm Evensong	A. Glass Genesis 9: 8-17
1 st March Second Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion	E. Hannah Romans 4: 13-end



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ST MARTIN'S CHURCH, BREMHILL

	Service	Sidesmen	Readers
1 st Feb Epiphany 4	8 am Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong	M Kyte A Heath & K Blackmore	Malachi 3: 1-5 Mervyn Wells Luke 2: 22-40 Beryl Wells
8 th Feb Second Sunday before Lent	11 Holy Communion	B & P Rawlings	Colossians 1: 15-20 William Wyldbore- Smith
15 th Feb Sunday before Lent	4 pm Evensong	J Hughes & K Webb	2 Kings 2: 1-12 Nicol Jordan Mark 9: 2-9 June Hughes
22 nd Feb Lent 1	9.30 am Family Service	Children	Genesis 9: 8-17 A Young Person
1 st March Lent 2	8 Holy Communion 4 pm Evensong	N Jordan, A Woods & D Kyte	Genesis 17 1-7 & 15-16 Mark 8: 31 – end Judy Scott

ST NICHOLAS, TYTHERTON LUCAS

Sunday 1 st February	Morning Service 10am (MG)
Sunday 8 th February	Eucharist 8.30am (JS)
Sunday 15 th February	Carol Service 10am (RK)
Sunday 22 nd February	Eucharist 8.30am (RK)
Sunday 1 st March	Morning Service 10am (MG)



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We have now discovered why the heating has failed. The main cable from the fuse box to the heaters has become damp and will require replacing. This is in hand but a supply of heat is now available. It is not as good as it will be but it is something. We hope to have this fixed by the middle of February...just in time for Spring! Thank you for your patience and understanding. This makes it even more important that our top priority for 2015 is the make the Church dry. That process has been started.

Ventilation

We will be applying for a Faculty from the Diocese to proceed with the plan approved at the PCC Meeting in November. This will include opening the two windows which have been permanently closed in the past and providing other sources of ventilation by means of the tower screen and the main door. If you want to know the details, please contact one of the Church officials.

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St. Valentine's Day when supposedly a young man's fancy turns to love!
However, some poets do warn about the ardours and pains of love! This
poem is by A.E. Houseman (1859-1936) and taken from A Shropshire Lad.

When I Was One-and-twenty

When I was one-and-twenty
I heard a wise man say
'Give crowns and pounds and guineas
But not your heart away;
Give pearls away and rubies
But keep your fancy free'
But I was one-and-twenty
No use to talk to me.

When I was one-and-twenty
I heard him say again,
'The heart out of the bosom
Was never given in vain;
'Tis paid with sighs a plenty
And sold for endless rue.'
And I am two-and-twenty,
And oh, 'tis true, 'tis true.

The American writer, Dorothy Parker (1893 – 1967) also expressed her
somewhat more cynical view of true love! She was best known for her wit,
wisecracks and eye for 20th century urban foibles.

Unfortunate Coincidence

By the time you swear you're his,
Shivering and sighing,
And he vows his passion is
Infinite, undying –
Lady, make a note of this:
One of you is lying.

Suffice it to say that, although I see the truth in these two poems, I am not
cynical about love and remain a firm optimist in matters of the heart! Long
live Valentine's Day!



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